

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for his indication that the rejections previously lodged under 35 U.S.C. 101 and 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph have been withdrawn based on the amendment filed September 22, 2005.

The claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The stated reason for the rejection was that there was an undue multiplicity of claims.

To address the Examiner's position in a manner to accelerate prosecution of the application and to place it in condition for allowance, the undersigned has consolidated the claim set. The application now includes claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 9, 11, 16, 18, 19, 31, 33, 34, 46, 48-50, 54, 55, and 60. All other claims have been canceled as required by the Examiner. Thus, the application now includes a total of nineteen (19) claims (one less than the maximum required by the Examiner) of which four (4) claims are independent (two less than the maximum required by the Examiner). It is believe that the revisions fully meet all requirements made by the Examiner and that the rejection should now be withdrawn and the application passed to allowance. With regard to the Examiner's statement that there "appear" to be a multiplicity of inventions, the undersigned disagrees and notes that all claims are related to a similar theme. Further, no restriction has been entered in the case (nor would a restriction be proper).

In view of the above, the application should now be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance at an early date is requested. Applicant hereby makes a written conditional petition for extension of time, if required. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Applicants' Deposit Account No. 50-0510 (IBM Corporation).

Respectfully submitted,



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